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REPORT

TOPIC Information on Soviet Units in Magdeburg.EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 29 October 1953REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

- 25X1 1. On 6 October 1953, the Herrenkrug Kaserne, north of Breitscheidstrasse in Magdeburg, quartered an estimated 1,200 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with and without artillery insignia. Except for heavy machine guns, no heavy weapons have so far been observed at the installation. Trucks were seen.
- 25X1 2. The Anger Kaserne south of Breitscheidstrasse quartered an estimated 600 men. On 24 September, source observed training with 21 model M-1910 and M-1943 heavy machine guns in the billeting area of the installation. On other days, only training with small arms was seen.
- 25X1 3. In early October, the Seeckt Kaserne east of Turmschanzenstrasse quartered a rear-detail who wore black epaulets without insignia.
- 25X1 4. On 6 October, the Flak Kaserne in Magdeburg-Cracau still quartered about 1,350 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Trucks were seen. 1
- 25X1 5. In the morning of 6 October, a convoy of about 25 trucks, 8 of them towing a 75-mm AT gun, 6 mounting a machine gun, the remainder loaded with billeting equipment and boxes, crossed the northern road bridge in Magdeburg arriving from the direction of Wolmirstedt and proceeding toward the east.
- 25X1 In the morning of 7 October, the bridge was crossed by a convoy of about 100 trucks, 20 x 57-mm AT guns and 8 x 120-mm mortars, which arrived from the east proceeding toward the west.
- 25X1 All the trucks were marked by a white stripe 25 cm wide.

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6. Other convoys crossing the road bridge included:

9 October. About 11:30, 10 trucks

westbound: about 12:30 p.m. a convoy of 20 empty trucks

westbound.

10 October. In the early morning hours, 20 trucks, 10 of them towing a 76-mm infantry gun and 1 towing a 57-mm AT gun, eastbound.

About 8 a.m., 8

trucks loaded with personnel and billeting equipment, one towing a 57-mm AT gun, and radio trucks eastbound.

About 10 a.m., a column of 2 officers and 100 men who wore black-bordered red epaulets and carried small arms, eastbound. 2

7. About 5:30 p.m., a westbound train of 8 boxcars and 36 flatcars crossed the northern railroad bridge. heavy artillery pieces, a large number of trucks and half-track vehicles. 3

8. On 10 October, the Nachrichten Kaserne appeared to be occupied to capacity. All windows were lighted in the evening hours. On 8 October, the Seeckt Kaserne appeared to be unoccupied. Only a sentry armed with a submachine gun was observed. 1

1. Comment. More recent information on the occupation of barracks installations in Magdeburg covering the period until 9 October agrees with the information contained in the present report except for the data on the Nachrichten Kaserne and Anger Kaserne. The occupation of the Nachrichten Kaserne was indicated as having taken place after 5 October. The 63d Gds Mecz Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div is believed to be quartered again at the installation. The Anger Kaserne and the Herrenkrug Kaserne form one complex of barracks buildings. On 9 October, the installation reportedly quartered a guard detail. Presumably, the soldiers reported to be the occupation of the Anger Kaserne were actually stationed at the Herrenkrug Kaserne.2. Comment. It is believed that most of the movements observed involved component units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div, which returned to their permanent stations in the barracks installations east of the road bridge mentioned.3. Comment. Possibly a component unit of the IV Arty Corps returning from Altengrabow to Rathenow.

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